

REMARKS

In the March 9, 2006 Office Action (hereinafter the "Office Action"), Claims 1-5, 8-20, and 23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,201,755 to Pillar et al. (hereinafter "Pillar").

Claims 5, 6, and 22 have been canceled. Claims 1-4, 7-21, and 23 remain pending in the application.

For the reasons set forth below, applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.

Claim Objections

The Office Action objected to Claim 1 as twice introducing "a second request." Applicant has corrected this typographical error with the second reference being "the second request." Applicant believes that the described amendment is fully responsive to the objection, and requests that the objection be withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Office Action indicated that Claims 6-7 and 22-23 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including their base and intervening claims.

With regard to Claims 6 and 7 (both of which depended from Claim 1 indirectly through Claim 5), applicant has amended Claim 1 to include the elements of previous Claims 5 and 6, and has canceled Claims 5 and 6. Thus, applicant submits that Claim 1 is in condition for allowance. Claim 7 was amended to depend from Claim 1. As Claim 1 is in condition for allowance, dependent Claims 2-4 and 7-12 are also in condition for allowance.

With regard to Claims 22 and 23 (where Claim 22 depended from independent Claim 13 and Claim 23 depended from Claim 22), applicant has amended independent Claim 13 to include the elements of previous Claim 22, and canceled Claim 22. Accordingly, applicant submits that

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independent Claim 13 is in condition for allowance. Claim 23 was amended to depend from Claim 13. As Claim 13 is in condition for allowance, applicant submits that dependent Claims 14-20 and 23 are also in condition for allowance.

Rejections of Claims

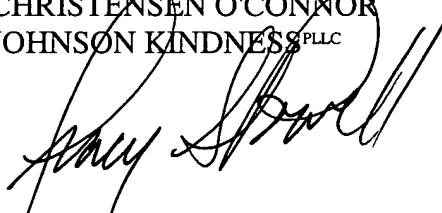
As the allowable subject matter of Claims 5 and 6 have been incorporated into Claim 1, and as the allowable subject matter of Claim 22 has been incorporated into Claim 13, applicant submits that the 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) rejections of the previously pending claims are moot.

Conclusion

In view of the amendments and remarks above, applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and reexamination of the application, as amended, and allowance of the claims at an early date are solicited. If the Examiner has any questions or comments concerning the foregoing response, the Examiner is invited to contact the applicant's undersigned attorney at the number below.

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